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I am an ambitious Technical Analyst at Nationwide Building Society. I graduated from Lancaster University with a degree in Computer Science and a passion for developing technological solutions to help people live the best possible life. For my dissertation I created an educational game to help support children in secondary schools as they learn GCSE Computer Science.

Education & Qualifications

October 2015 – June 2018

Lancaster University

BSc (Hons) Computer Science

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Modules include: Advanced programming (Java, Python, C), Databases, Distributed Systems, Computer Networks, Group project (team leader), Security and Risk, Artificial Intelligence.

September 2013 – June 2015

Somerset College of Arts and Technology

Level 3 BTEC IT Networking & System Support

D*, D*, D* (A*, A*, A* equivalent at A-level)

September 2011 – June 2013

Richard Huish College

3 A-Levels: Law, Psychology and Geography C, C, D respectively.

September 2006 – June 2011

Castle School

10 GCSEs including Maths (A) & English (B)

Relevant Experience

Technical Analyst – Nationwide Building Society. (September 2018 – Present)

My role has primarily been in website development. I have developed my skills in HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Angular here. On top of this I have proactively worked to improve the working environment, including running workshops to teach my peers how to build websites, this work led to me winning an award from the company.

Work experience website developer – H&Co Design Ltd. (February 2015 – June 2015)

I developed skills in website development and maintenance, I learned how to perform these to an industry standard. Furthermore, I learned a great deal about eCommerce, Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) and creating responsive websites. My placement only required me to complete 5 days, however I stayed for much longer as I loved my work.

Career History

Voluntary assistant, Assistant and full Team leader - National Citizen Service (June 2014 – July 2016)

Every summer (also several autumn and spring projects) I worked my way up the National Citizen Service (NCS) career ladder where I'm now able to lead a team of up to 15 young people (aged 16/17).

Intern – National Citizen Service Trust (Head Office) (August 2015 – September 2015)

As an intern in the head office of a large organisation I learned a great deal about how organisations are run from the top down. I was able to extend my skills in youth work and leadership. I had several responsibilities:

- Conducting on-site visits to programs being run to ensure expectations were met.
- Attending meetings to give feedback on proposed new ideas and how these could impact participants.
- Meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss the program and the impact it is having on young people's lives.

Kitchen Porter/Assistant Chef – The Willow Tree (September 2014 – Jun 2015)

After 5 months as a Kitchen Porter I was promoted to Assistant Chef.

Cashier/Customer Service – Primark (June 2014 – January 2015)

I started off as a cashier and excelled in this role, after just a month and a half I was promoted to work in customer service because of my strong interpersonal skills and dedication to customer service.

Cashier – Poundstretcher (October 2011 – March 2014)

I started my role at Poundstretcher as a Christmas temp, however this turned into a fulfilling 2.5 year part-time career after the manager was so impressed with my work that they offered me a permanent contract.

Voluntary experience

Vice President – Cartmel College JCR (Lancaster University) (January 2017 – January 2018)

During my time as Vice President I was responsible for leading a team of students focussed on providing and supporting the provision of welfare within the college. Under my leadership we have had many huge successes:

- I interviewed, trained and managed a team of 64 fresher reps to support the next intake of students.
- A termly visit to every flat to connect with students and inform them of support available to them.
- I set up a welfare drop point where we provide sanitary items to the students for free.
- Several welfare drop-in sessions for students to come and talk to us about issues they are facing and how we can best direct them to available support on the campus.

Student Researcher – Lancaster University (February 2017 – May 2017)

Lancaster was one of four UK universities invited by the Cabinet Office to propose policy change on British Industrial Strategy after the Brexit vote. I worked as part of a team looking at 10 areas the government identified as being crucial to driving the economy forward. I chose to focus my area of research on skills development.

Team member – Enactus (January 2016 – March 2016)

I volunteered with the university Enactus team TR:ust (Transforming Romania: Uniting Survivors of Trafficking). During this time we planned and ran campaigns to raise awareness of the problems caused by human trafficking. I was one of only 3 students within the team invited to travel to Arad in Romania to meet with survivors of trafficking and learn about what we could do back in the UK to better support them.

Youth Advisory Board – Model Westminster (October 2015 – April 2017)

Working as part of a team of around 10 we've brought young people into the heart of political discussion, including trips to Parliament and The Department for Education. I also co-hosted an event teaching young people about Brexit at Ernst & Young's head office in London with special guest Vince Cable.

Trainee leader – National Citizen Service leadership academy (October 2013 – December 2015)

Whilst volunteering with the NCS leadership academy I have achieved some very high profile successes including:

- An advisory meeting in 10 Downing Street to help the government understand the issues affecting young people around the country.
- Helping the Cabinet Office interview charities applying for £6 Million of public funding.
- Sitting on the NCS National Youth Advisory Board giving direct feedback on how the NCS can adapt to better suit the needs of its users.

Voluntary Sales Assistant – British Heart Foundation (August 2011 – November 2011)

I volunteered at the store 2 days a week alongside studying for my A-levels at college.

References
